

DIVISION ON DEAF, DEAFBLIND, AND HARD OF HEARING ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 72 of 1937

408.205 Advisory council on deaf, deafblind, and hard of hearing; establishment; duty; appointment, qualifications, and terms of members; vacancy; quorum; meetings; expenses.

Sec. 5. (1) An advisory council on deaf, deafblind, and hard of hearing is established within the department. The council shall advise the division on matters pertaining to deaf, deafblind, and hard of hearing persons.

(2) The council shall consist of 13 members appointed by the governor. The governor shall select members who are knowledgeable in the field of deaf, deafblind, and hard of hearing matters. Not less than 7 members of the council shall be deaf, deafblind, or hard of hearing persons. The governor shall designate a chairperson of the council who shall serve in that capacity at the pleasure of the governor. The director of the division or his or her designee shall serve as secretary to the council.

(3) Except for members first appointed, the term of office of each member shall be 3 years. Of the members first appointed, 5 shall serve for 3 years, 4 for 2 years, and 4 for 1 year. A vacancy on the council shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.

(4) Seven members of the council constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of the council. Except as provided by rule, action by the council shall be by vote of a majority of the members present at a meeting. The council shall meet not less than twice a year at the call of the chairperson.

(5) A member of the council may be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of an official duty of the council.

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Compiler's note: For transfer of the advisory council on deaf and hard of hearing from the family independence agency to the department of labor and economic growth by type II transfer, see E.R.O. No. 2003-1, compiled at MCL 445.2011.

For transfer of powers and duties of division on deaf and hard of hearing and advisory council on deaf and hard of hearing from department of licensing and regulatory affairs to department of civil rights, see E.R.O. No. 2011-4, compiled at MCL 445.2030.

For renaming of division on deaf and hard of hearing to division on deaf, deafblind and hard of hearing, and renaming of advisory council on deaf and hard of hearing to advisory council on deaf, deafblind and hard of hearing, see E.R.O. No. 2014-5, compiled at MCL 445.2035.

For transfer of powers and duties of division on deaf, deafblind, and hard of hearing within department of licensing and regulatory affairs, see E.R.O. No. 2017-4, compiled at MCL 445.2036.